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1. WILLERMAN, DIRECTOR OF EUROPEAN INVESTMENT CORPORATION, WHICH IS NEW JOINT VENTURE CREATED BY BANQUE DE PARIS ET DES PAYS BAS (BELGIQUE) AND CREDIT LIBANAIS, CONFIRMED AUTHENTICITY OF LOAN PROJECT PER REFTEL. ACCORDING TO WILLERMAN, EUROPEAN INVESTMENT CORPORATION HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED BY GOVERNMENT OF BURUNDI TO RAISE \$15 MILLION LOAN. THIS LOAN WILL ENJOY IRREVOCABLY GUARANTEE BY BURUNDI GOVERNMENT AND FUNDS GENERATED ARE DESTINED FOR AGRO/INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF COUNTRY; SPECIFICALLY, IMPROVEMENT OF COFFEE AND TEA PLANTATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT OFSUGAR INDUSTRY. LOAN IS FOR FIVE YEAR PERIOD AND BURUNDI GOVERNMENT IS SEEKING FLAT RATE. PORTION WHICH WILL BE PICKED

UP BY BELGIAN BANK(S) WILL HAVE FULL GUARANTEE OF OFFICE NATIONAL DU DUCROIRE (BELGIAN GOVERNMENT EXPORT GUARANTEE AGENCY). WILLERMAN EXPLAINED THAT EUROPEAN INVESTMENT CORPORATION SEEKS PARTICIPATION BY KGA/IMFC AND OBSERVED HE HAD IN MIND 1/3 SHARE. EUROPEAN INVESTMENT CORPORATION IS ALSO NEGOTIATING WITH EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR PARTICIPATION AS GUARANTOR.

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2. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION PROMISED PARA 2 REFTEL AS SOON AS AVAILABLE. JOINT VENTURE PARTNERS IN EUROPEAN INVESTMENT CORPORATION ARE WELL KNOWN AND REPUTABLE BANKS. FIRESTONE.

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